PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3722

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroto SUGANO et al.

Group Art Unit: 3722

Application No.: 10/678,217

Examiner: A. ABDELWAHED

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For: TAP HAVING THREADED PORTION COATED WITH DIAMOND-LIKE CARBON COATING

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the June 8, 2005 Office Action, and the personal interview conducted on August 31, 2005, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.